

Federal Communications Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

How K-LOVE serves me as a resident of the local community-

I have listened and financially supported K-LOVE radio for many years. K-LOVE serves my family and the local community by playing great Christian music, providing entertainment, news stories, the power verse of the day, they pray for me and have even called my house to see if there was anything else they could pray about for me, and they enforce Christian values. Other radio stations in my community play music and use language that is inappropriate for my child to listen to and encourages disorderly behavior. While I may choose to listen to such radio stations when I am by myself my first preference is K-LOVE.

The effect on the local community if K-LOVE were to be displaced by an LPFM broadcaster providing other programming-

If the Low Power FM were to be given priority over the existing FM broadcast translator the possibility that I would no longer have access to K-LOVE is very troubling. K-LOVE supports local community events that are free to the public. There are so many desperate individuals seeking guidance in life, and through K-LOVE they are able to hear words of encouragement, they are given toll free phone numbers to call for prayer requests, and K-LOVE airs special counseling segments such as Dr. James Dobson and Luis Palow. K-LOVE radio reaches a very diverse group of listeners from homeless individuals to corporate executives. No matter what phase of life you are in K-LOVE reaches out to everyone.

Why I believe that the service provided by K-LOVE is in the public interest-

K-LOVE provides a tower of strength to much more than just local communities. They provide a public presence in sponsoring community events and announcing church activities. Several years ago I experienced a severe bout of depression. K-LOVE prayed for me. I attended group counseling and introduced many other patients to K-LOVE. While I was still in the program several of the patients attended events they heard about on K-LOVE. One guy in particular was addicted to drugs, and was wrapped up in some serious legal issues involving weapons. He was one of the people that K-LOVE helped. He called the prayer hotline. He attended a church function involving a rock-n-roll Christian style of music that drew him into legal, non-drug using, Christian activities he did not even know existed.

K-LOVE makes this world a better place. Their DJ's are very talented and provide family oriented entertainment. It would be interesting if the FCC contacted all of the K-LOVE listeners with their comments on why LPFM was being considered as a higher priority over FM broadcasting. Can the switch in broadcasting translators teach children about Jesus, save teens from committing suicide, discourage drug users from getting high, and bring families together in Christian unity? Most people just want reassured that they are loved and K-LOVE does an awesome job of getting that message to millions of listeners every minute of every day.

Listeners pay K-LOVE, I pay K-LOVE to stay on the air. Please don't make any changes to broadcasting translators that would risk taking K-LOVE away from as many as one single listener.

Regards,

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